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Felon Sentenced in Lynwood Robbery-Murder

A 33-year-old man convicted of killing a store attendant in Lynwood was sentenced today to life in state prison without the possibility of parole, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Andrea Davalos, who prosecuted the case, said Kyle Henderson was convicted by a jury on April 23 of first-degree murder, attempted murder and second-degree robbery in case TA121648.

Jurors found true a special circumstance allegation that the murder was committed in the commission of a robbery. Also, a special allegation that Henderson discharged a firearm, which caused great bodily injury and death, was found to be true.

Additionally, Henderson admitted that he was previously convicted of second-degree robbery in 1999, and assault on a peace officer in 2000.

The prosecutor said in the late afternoon of Jan. 15, 2012, Henderson entered Crystal Produce Meat Market in Lynwood, produced a gun and robbed the female cashier. Afraid for her life, the cashier fled the market and went next door to a tortilla shop.

The cashier told the tortilla shop manager and an employee, Jorge Alvarado, that a man had just robbed the market. Armed with a knife, the shop manager and Alvarado exited the store to confront Henderson at the market, the prosecutor said.

As Henderson exited the market armed with a gun and with money from the cash register, the tortilla shop manager, in fear for his life, stabbed Henderson in the neck.

After getting slashed, Henderson turned towards the two men and fired two rounds at them, one of which hit Alvarado in the head. He later died at the hospital.

Several hours after the shooting, Henderson went to the hospital to get treated for his neck wound. While there, police were notified and he was arrested in connection with the fatal robbery, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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